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Newsletter of the Silver Springs Radio Club

Oldest Radio Club in Marion County, FL



July 2021

President's Message

Bill Gillespie, KW5BG

First, Vicki and I appreciate your thoughts and prayers at Vicki's Mom's passing. They meant a great deal to us both.

Secondly, we lost a valuable member of our club family with the passing of Ed Biedricki, WB2UKX. Ed was the driving force behind the upgrading of Perry Field. We will benefit from his efforts for years to come. Our condolences go to his wife, Adele, son Ed, N2QJN, and family.

Although I wasn't able to participate, Field Day sounded like a success. The official results won't be published until the Dec QST, but I'm looking forward to the feedback of the participants on the format used this year.

We're still looking for General Meeting program ideas. We have some good ones coming up in the next few months, but can always use more.

July's Operating Day topic will be the proper use and construction of Anderson Powerpole connectors, as well as installing PL-259s and SO-239s. These are necessary skills all HAMs need to be competent at performing. If you have a topic you would like to see covered, let us know.

If you have a project you're working on, consider documenting your work and publish it in the Oracle. Marty, N4GL, will be happy to accept your submission.

We have a few club activities coming up that we can use to expose the public to our hobby. The North Central Florida Outdoor Expo will be held on Aug 14th at the World Equestrian Center. We had a good experience at the last one 2 years ago and this one should be equally as nice in the new facility. The Hamfest will be held Dec 4 at the First Christian Church. We can use a LOT of help, so sign up on the club website. We expect our normal vendors to be here and be able to attract more guests in a less restrictive COVID environment.

Storm preparation can't be stressed enough. Elsa gave our area a small taste of what may come later in the summer and early fall. Hopefully, you used that time to ensure your equipment is ready to deal with a more robust event. If you have questions about what you need, ask. Carl, KC5CMX, and ARES can use you so don't be afraid to step up when the time comes.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting Tuesday night!

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 20

***** Green Clover Hall *****

319 SE 26th Terrace, Ocala

6:00 PM Mentoring & Socializing

7:00 PM Meeting

**SSRC Board of Directors first Tuesday, 7:00 PM,
Green Clover Hall**

Upcoming Events

- Aug 14 — Outdoor Expo**
World Equestrian Center
- Sept 14 — VE Testing, Green Clover Hall,**
7:00 PM
- Hamfest — December 4, 2021**
[Sign up here](#)

**Silver Springs
Radio Club Net
K4GSO Repeater**

Mondays at 7:30 PM

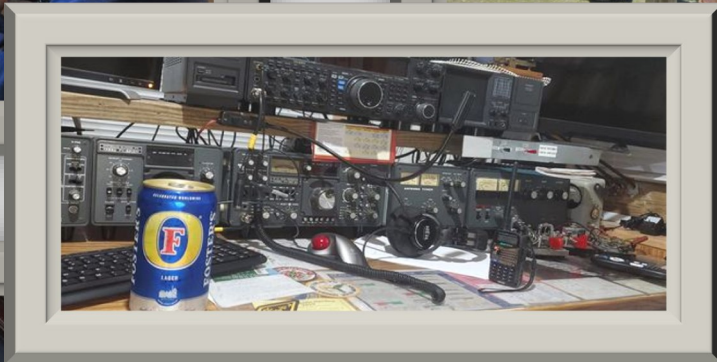
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Ed Biedricki II, WB2UKX, Silent Key

Carl Berry, KC5CMX

It is with a sad and heavy heart that we announce the passing of Ed Biedricki II, WB2UKX/SK. He passed July 13, 2021, at Estelle House in Ocala with his wife, Adele at his side.

<https://k4gso.us/wb2ukx-sk/> Memorial service information will be coming in the future.



Ed with his son, Eddie, N2QJN

A Tribute to Ed, WB2UKX/SK

Ivory Williams, W6IVY



Did you know about this law?

Tom Lufkin, W4DAX, Secretary

FLORIDA LAW CONCERNING INSTALLATION OF RADIO EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF RECEIVING FREQUENCIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

843.16 Unlawful to install radio equipment using assigned frequency of state or law enforcement officers; definitions; exceptions; penalties --

- (1) No person, firm, or corporation shall install in any motor vehicle or business establishment, except an emergency vehicle or crime watch vehicle as herein defined or a place established by municipal, county, state, or federal authority for governmental purposes, any frequency modulation radio receiving equipment so adjusted or tuned as to receive messages or signals on frequencies assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to police or law enforcement officers of any city or county of the state or to the state of any of its agencies.

Provided, nothing herein shall be construed to affect any radio station licensed by the Federal Communications System or to affect any recognized newspaper or new publication engaged in covering the news on a full-time basis or any alarm system contractor certified pursuant to part II of chapter 489, operating a central monitoring system.

- (2) As used in this section, the term:

- (a) "Emergency vehicle" shall specifically mean:

1. Any motor vehicle used by any law enforcement officer or employee of any city, any country, the state, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the Armed Forces of the United States while on official business;
2. Any fire department vehicle of any city or county of the state or any state fire department vehicle.
3. Any motor vehicle designated as an emergency vehicle by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles when said vehicle is to be assigned the use of the frequencies assigned to the state;
4. Any motor vehicle designated as an emergency vehicle by the sheriff of any county in the state when said vehicle is to be assigned the use of frequencies assigned to the said county.
5. Any motor vehicle designated as an emergency vehicle by chief of police of any city in the state when said vehicle is to be assigned the use of frequencies assigned to the said city.

- (b) "Crime watch vehicle" means any motor vehicle used by any person participating in a crime watch or neighborhood watch program when such program and use are approved in writing by the appropriate sheriff or chief of police where the vehicle will be used and the vehicle is assigned the use of frequencies assigned to the county or city. Such approval shall be renewed annually.

- (3) This section shall not apply to any holder of a valid amateur radio operator or station License issued by the Federal Communications Commission or to any recognized newspaper or news publication engaged in covering the news on a full-time basis or any alarm system contractor certified to part II of chapter 489, operating a central monitoring system.

- (4) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

History—ss. 1-4, ch. 26886, 1951; ss. 24, 35 ch. 69-106, s. 1049, ch. 71-136; s. 1, ch 86-55; s. 1, ch. 90-62.

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